

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 7-17, 25-26, 29, 35-37, 42, 48, and 50-58 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blow (WO99/53621) in view of Imamatsu (US Pat. Pub. No. 2004/0073901) and further in view of Misra et al. US 6,189,146.

Claims 6, 24, 34, and 47 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2-5, 18-23, 27-28, 30-33, 38-41, 43-46, and 49 were previously canceled.

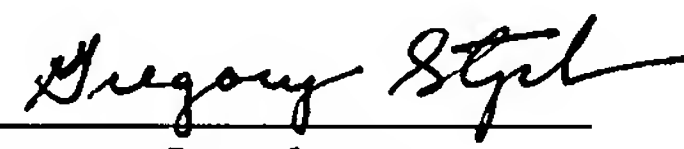
Applicant has amended the claims as per the Examiner's suggestion. Specifically, the objected claims have been re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicants believe they have responded to all of the concerns raised by the Examiner. Reconsideration of this application as amended is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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